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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION)
INFORMATION CENTER, and)
AMERICAN LANDS ALLIANCE,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE,)

Defendant.)

Civil No. C02-2708 JCS

DEFENDANT'S REQUEST
FOR CASE MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE

On April 6, 2006, this Court issued its Order re Compliance (“Order”). Docket No. 103. The Court concluded that the Forest Service had failed to comply with the Court’s September 2003 Liability Order. *Id.* at 6. The Court went on to order the Forest Service to complete an environmental assessment (“EA”) or environmental impact statement (“EIS”) on the Six Rivers National Forest 2005 Fire Plan, and included a schedule if the Agency chooses to undertake an EIS. *Id.* The Court provided that the Forest Service should notify the Court within thirty days of the Order if it is choosing to complete an EA rather than an EIS. *Id.* Since the receipt of the Order, the United States Department of Agriculture including the Forest Service has continued the internal consultation and deliberations that began after the March 10th hearing. These discussions have been informed by the Order.

Given the scope of the Court’s Order and the nature of the issues to be addressed by the Agency, Defendant believes that a case management conference would be appropriate. Defendant seeks an opportunity to discuss its plans with the Court. Defendant also wishes to discuss a request for the Court to issue a final judgment, notwithstanding the Order’s statement about retention of jurisdiction.

Accordingly, Defendant seeks a case management conference for May 19, 2006, or at the Court’s earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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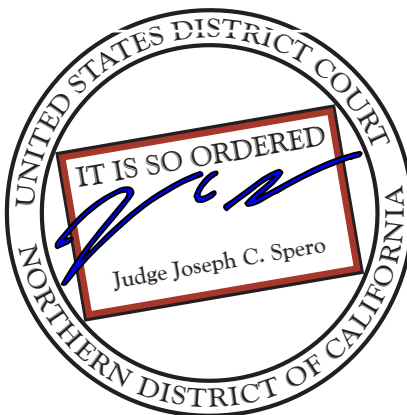
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the parties shall submit a joint updated case management conference statement by May 17, 2006. The case management conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., on May 19, 2006.

Dated: May 8, 2006



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 5, 2006, I caused a copy of "Defendant's Request for Case Management Conference" be served by ECF electronic filing on the following:

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